

# HOUSE BILL 812

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By: **Delegate Rudolph**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Water Service – ~~Property Owners~~ Billing**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying that a political subdivision shall send a bill for water  
4 service to ~~each~~ the property, the property owner, or the property owner's  
5 designee for each property served on a monthly, quarterly, or semiannual basis;  
6 and generally relating to bills for water service.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Environment  
9 Section 9–724(c)(1)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
13 Article – Environment  
14 Section 9–724(c)(2) and (3)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Environment**

20 9–724.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1           (c)   (1)   The political subdivision shall send bills for water service  
2 **[quarterly or twice a year to] TO ~~EACH~~ THE PROPERTY, THE PROPERTY OWNER,**  
3 **OR THE PROPERTY OWNER'S DESIGNEE FOR** each property served **ON A MONTHLY,**  
4 **QUARTERLY, OR SEMIANNUAL BASIS.**

5                   (2)   The bills are payable at the office of the political subdivision on  
6 receipt.

7                   (3)   If any bill remains unpaid after 30 days from the date the bill is  
8 sent, the political subdivision shall:

9                           (i)   Notify the owner of the property served, in writing, that the  
10 bill is in arrears and that water service will be discontinued;

11                           (ii)   Leave the notice on the owner's property or mail the notice  
12 to the last known address of the owner; and

13                           (iii)   Discontinue water service to the property until the owner  
14 pays the bill and a reconnection charge reasonably related to the cost of reconnection,  
15 as established by ordinance of the governing body of the county or municipal  
16 corporation in which the water service is provided.

17           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 2010.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.